

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
Administrative Committee
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: 7.1
DATE: February 2, 2011

ACTION REQUESTED: BRN study of California RNs on probation 2004-2005

REQUESTED BY: Louise Bailey, MEd,RN
Executive Officer

BACKGROUND: (Report will be provided under separate cover)

The Board commissioned the University of California, San Francisco Center for the Health Professions to complete a study of 282 California RNs who either began or extended probation in 2004 and 2005. The study researches characteristics of these nurses, the outcome of their probation and explores and evaluates what factors might affect the outcomes of remediation, including the likelihood of recidivism. This study was modeled after one conducted by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and published in 2009 in the American Journal of Nursing.¹ A 29-item data extraction template was used to obtain data on the characteristics of the disciplined nurses, their employment settings, board actions, and remediation outcomes. A control group of nurses who had not been disciplined were used to compare data against the disciplined nurses.

Joanne Spetz, Ph.D. from UCSF will be attending the meeting and presenting a summary of the study findings to the Board.

¹Zhong, E.H., K. Kenward, et al. (2009) "Probation and recidivism: remediation among disciplined nurses in six states." American Journal of Nursing 109(3): 48-50, 52-7.

NEXT STEPS: Board staff review and consider findings and post final report on the BRN website.

**FISCAL
IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY:** None

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AGENDA ITEM: 7.2

DATE: February 2, 2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Feasibility of Paperless Board Packet

REQUESTED BY: Jeannine Graves MPA, BSN, RN
Board President

BACKGROUND:

The Administration Committee would like to discuss the feasibility of going to paperless board meeting packets; petition hearing and closed session discussion documents. Also, discussion of the use and availability of personal laptops vs. board laptops.

NEXT STEPS:

**FISCAL
IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY:** None

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